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RESPONSE

This paper is responsive to the Office action mailed 8/16/2004 in the above-identified patent application.


Claims 1-12 are subject to an election of species requirement.

Applicant elects Species 1 (Swing speed, figure 1) for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Claims 1-5 and 11 are readable on Species 1.

Applicant contends that claims 1-12 are directed, at most, to only two patentably distinct species. These two species are (a) the Swing speed species of Figures 1-5 and (b) the Skill level species of Figures 1-5. Claims 1-5 and 11 read on the Swing speed species while claims 6-10 and 12 read on the Skill level species.

Respectfully submitted,

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